



Hearing Notice

Wallula PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision

Background information

The Washington State Department Ecology is conducting a public hearing on a proposed revision to the state implementation plan (SIP) for the Wallula PM₁₀ nonattainment area. The SIP is a statewide plan for meeting federal air quality standards. The purpose of this scheduled hearing is to receive public comment on including a new attainment plan for Wallula in the SIP.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set an air quality standard for particulate matter 10 micrometers or less in size (PM₁₀). When an area in Washington does not meet an air quality standard, it is classified as "nonattainment," and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) must develop a plan to meet the standard.

EPA has designated Wallula as a nonattainment area due to exceedances of the PM₁₀ standard, and Ecology submitted a plan to meet the standard in 1991. In February 2001, EPA reclassified the Wallula PM₁₀ nonattainment area from a moderate to a serious nonattainment area. The reclassification meant that Washington was required to submit a new plan for meeting the PM₁₀ standard in Wallula.

The new plan

The new plan meets requirements for a serious nonattainment area mainly by defining best available control measures and best available control technology for PM₁₀ sources in the nonattainment area; and by demonstrating attainment of the PM₁₀ standard.

The plan exempts the nonattainment area from regional transportation conformity requirements for PM₁₀. These are requirements that regional transportation plans be consistent with the state's plan for meeting air quality standards. The plan also requests that the Wallula area be exempted from requirements that major sources of PM₁₀ control their emissions of precursors of PM₁₀.

Hearing schedule

Thursday, October 14, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Burbank-Wallula Fire Station 51
460 West Humorist Road
Burbank, Washington

Comments may be provided at the hearing or mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to Doug Schneider, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 4700, Olympia, WA 98504-7600. FAX: (360) 407-7534; e-mail: dsch461@ecy.wa.gov. Comments must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. October 14, 2004.

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